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1. [] Accompanied [] OCI, 25X1 to brief Representative Ogden Reid (R., N.Y.) on the Middle East situation in response to Mr. Reid's request. [] brought Reid up to date on such matters as the military situation in the UAR, recent developments regarding the Arab terrorists, the Israeli negotiating position, and the Soviet naval activity in the Mediterranean.

I took advantage of the opportunity to tell Mr. Reid that in view of the recent legislation he has introduced regarding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, we would welcome a chance to brief him on these subjects at his convenience. I explained that the Agency didn't want to present a parochial case, and had no desire to retain responsibility for the Radios, but was concerned that unnecessary publicity regarding the Agency's connection with them might damage their long term effectiveness and complicate any arrangements for their future support. Mr. Reid said he didn't question the value of the Radios, and conceded that in introducing the legislation he had not dug into the problem as deeply as he should have. He would therefore welcome an Agency briefing and I said that Cord Meyer, ADDP, would be glad to come over at his convenience. Mr. Reid suggested that I call him to set up a date late next week. In leaving I gave Mr. Reid a copy of last week's Newsweek story about the Radios which he said he had not seen.

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2. [] In response to the request of Representative William Wampler (R., Va.), I met with Mr. Wampler and his Administrative Assistant, Mr. Ray Dotson. Wampler explained that two of his constituents, [] law partners, [] Virginia, had been in touch with him regarding U.S. POW's. Wampler gave me a copy of a letter from [] was in touch with a [] Germany, who claimed to have connections in the Communist Bloc and offered to try to secure the release of some American prisoners in return for expenses plus \$250,000 to be placed in escrow and paid to him if he succeeded. [] had suggested to Wampler that he take up the matter with CIA. I told Wampler we'd check to see if we had any information on [] but Defense would be the agency primarily concerned with the matter, and I recommended he get in touch with Richard G. Capen, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs).

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3. [] and I met with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, with whom we discussed some Agency Subcommittee matters (see Memo for Record) and whom we briefed on recent developments regarding the ChiCom nuclear program, ChiCom naval construction, ChiCom fighter production, Soviet ICBM deployment, and Soviet naval activity in the western Atlantic.

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4. [] and I met with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, whom we briefed on latest information on Soviet ICBM deployment.

Blandford said that he very much hoped Chairman Hebert's plan for handling Agency Subcommittee matters--i.e., intelligence briefings of the full Committee and informal discussions of internal Agency matters with two or three senior Committee members, would prove successful. Blandford warned that if this arrangement does not work out serious problems might arise regarding the Chairmanship and membership of a formal Agency Subcommittee.

Blandford asked if we would check into the Jack Anderson column on SR-71 flights over Communist China and let him know what the facts are.

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5. [] Frank Meyer, Administrative Assistant to Representative Gerald R. Ford (R., Mich.), telephoned saying there was a young man from Mr. Ford's district who wanted to talk to someone at an appropriate level concerning employment prospects. The man's name is [] I told Meyer I would set up an appointment for [] probably mid-morning on Tuesday, 9 February, for [] to see our top personnel recruiting man in our [] office. Meyer said this would be satisfactory. We are to let Meyer know the name of the individual, the time and place.

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6. [] FE Division, called to advise that [] about whom Scott Cohen, in the office of Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), had made an inquiry, was arrested upon his return to Indonesia and put in jail for impersonating intelligence personnel and engaging in unauthorized foreign business transactions. This has been passed on to Cohen for the Senator's information.

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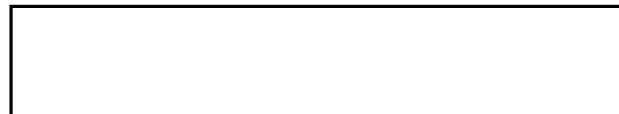
8. [redacted] By way of followup to a call which [redacted] received from Frank Meyer, Administrative Assistant to House Minority Leader Gerald Ford, I made arrangements for a personnel interview at 9:00 a.m. next Tuesday for [redacted] Mr. Meyer was advised.

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9. [redacted] Mr. Maury and I met with Vincent Augliere, Staff Administrator of the House Government Operations Committee's Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee. Augliere asked for our assistance in preparing a suggested reply to a letter from [redacted] of Oxford University, on the subject of cooperation with allied intelligence organizations. We told Augliere we would be happy to assist in this.

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